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SUBJ: LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE ON SECRET STATE DEPT CABLE

REF: (A) STATE 182650, (B) SEOUL 6520

1. ON AUGUST 5, FOLLOWING CALL ON MOFA VICE MINISTER YUN, MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG, OBVIOUSLY DISTRESSED, RAISED WITH POLCOUNS COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUACIES OF RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AT STATE DEPT NOON PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 4 CONCERNING L.A. TIMES STORY BASED ON SECRET EMBASSY SEOUL TELEGRAM. PAK NOTED DEPT. RESPONSE DID NOT RESEMBLE IN THE SLIGHTEST EXPLANATIONS AND APOLOGY BASED ON REF A WHICH POLCOUNS HAD MADE AUGUST 4. HE NOTED INCREDUOUSLY THAT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT STATE DEPT REACTION TO ROKG EXPRESSION OF CONCERN, BRIEFER COULD MANAGE NO MORE THAN WEAK ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT ROKG HAD INDEED EXPRESSED CONCERN. USIA WIRELESS FILE, JUST RECEIVED HERE, CONFIRMS PAK'S ACCOUNT.

2. IN VIEW OF EMBARRASSMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CAUSED BY ORIGINAL MISTAKE IN RELEASING TELEGRAM, ROKG HAS BEEN REMARKABLY GENTLE WITH US THUS FAR. CONTINUED FAILURE TO USE PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 4, REF A, CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY MAKES A BAD SITUATION WORSE BY UNNECESSARILY TRYING ROKG PATIENCE. ROKG IS CLEARLY EXERCISED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A BE USED IN FULL AT AUGUST 5 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.
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